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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GENERAL KHOURY'S REMARKS ON SOUTH LEBANON

1. GENERAL KHOURY DISCUSSED HIS APRIL 4 MEETING WITH
GENERAL SIILASVUO WITH DATT ON APRIL 5. HE SAID MEETING
COVERED ESTABLISHMENT OF LEBANESE AUTHORITY IN SOUTH
LEBANON AND THAT HE AND SIILASVUO AGREED UPON TWO MEANS:
IMMEDIATELY USING THE GENDARMERIE TO ASSIST UNIFIL AND
SENDING LAF UNITS TO THE SOUTH.

2. GENDARMERIE. KHOURY SAID SIILASVUO HAD TWO PROBLEMS
WHICH COULD BE EFFECTIVELY HANDLED BY LEBANESE POLICE:
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BODY SEARCH AND EXPERTISE ON POPULATION LIAISON AND CONTROL.
HE SAID COLONEL AHMED AL HAJJ, DIRECTOR INTERNAL SECURITY
FORCES, WAS CALLED INTO MEETING AND IT WAS AGREED TO
PUT POLICE WITH UNIFIL IN THE SOUTH ASAP. HAJJ
REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THERE WERE 470 POLICE AVAILABLE TO BE
USED IN THE SOUTH AND 47 IN TYRE. KHOURY COMMENTED
THAT HAJJ PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE THAT MANY. HE KNEW HE

ONLY HAD 20 POLICE IN TYRE, FOR EXAMPLE. BUT ANYWAY AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO PUT 55 POLICE WITH THE UN AT THE VARIOUS BRIDGE POINTS CONTROLLED BY THE UN, PLACE POLICE WITH EVERY UNIFIL UNTIL AND MAINTAIN LIAISON BETWEEN EVERY POLICE UNIT COMMANDER AND UNIFIL UNIT COMMANDER.

3. ARMY TO SOUTH. KHOURY SAID HE AGREED TO SEND TWO COMPANIES TO SOUTH IN TEN DAYS TO BE STATIONED WITH FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN UNITS. THESE COMPANIES WOULD COME FROM THE BEKAA BRIGADE. KHOURY SAID HE HAS ALSO GIVEN STANDBY ALERT ORDER TO THIRD COMPANY AND AN ARTY SECTION FROM SARBA TO BE READY TO MOVE 96 HOURS AFTER ORDERS ARE RECEIVED. KHOURY SAID THIS COMPANY PROBABLY WOULDN'T GO, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS WORRIED ABOUT SENDING CHRISTIAN UNITS, AND HE SUSPECTED CAMILLE CHAMOUN BEHIND INTEREST IN SENDING COMPANY FROM SARBA. HE SAID PRIME MINISTER HOSS VERY WORRIED ABOUT DEPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE FIGHTING WHICH COULD ERUPT BETWEEN LAF AND PALESTINIANS. KHOURY HINTED THAT BOUTROS AND HOSS WERE NOT IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON SENDING FORCES TO THE SOUTH. PARKER

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